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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Responsive to the action mailed April 18, 2002, applicant elects the invention of Group II drawn to a method of producing composition comprising providing a precipitating solution containing a mucopolysaccharide, a carrier protein, and a drug; lowering the pH of the solution; and collecting the insoluble product. The election is made without traverse.

Enclosed is a Petition for a One-Month Extension of Time and a check for the required fee. Please apply any other charges or credits to Deposit Account No. 06-1050.

Respectfully submitted,

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